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upon her arrival in the United States.

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Whereas the United States and the Kingdom of Thailand have enjoyed 169 years of peaceful and constructive relations since the signing of the Treaty of Amity and Commerce in 1833;

Whereas the aforesaid document was the first such treaty signed between the United States and any Asian nation;

Whereas the United States enjoys both a bilateral security agreement and a military assistance agreement with Thailand and conducts several military exercises with the armed forces of Thailand every year, the largest of which is the Cobra Gold exercise;

Whereas Her Majesty Queen Sirikit has made major contributions to advancing the social and economic welfare and health of the people of Thailand, most notably as President of the Thai Red Cross Society;

Whereas in order to assist the rural poor of Thailand, Her Majesty Queen Sirikit serves as patron and chairperson of the Foundation for the Promotion of Supplementary Occupations and Related Techniques (SUPPORT);

Whereas in her capacity as President of the Thai Red Cross Society, Her Majesty Queen Sirikit established the Khao Larn Thai Red Cross Center to provide food, shelter, and medical attention to Cambodian refugees fleeing turmoil in their country; and

Whereas Her Majesty Queen Sirikit's contributions to the welfare of Thai citizens and of international refugees have been widely recognized by groups as diverse as the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization, the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, and the British Royal College of Physicians: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
 2 *concurring)*, That the Congress welcomes Her Majesty
 3 Queen Sirikit on her visit to the United States, and ex-
 4 presses the hope that her visit will further strengthen the

- 1 deep historical relationship between the United States and
- 2 the Kingdom of Thailand.

Passed the House of Representatives October 16,
2002.

Attest:

Clerk.